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be separate and distinct from each other and separated from each other by a [reduced porosity or] non-porous structure.

Amend claim 11 as follows:

11) (Amended) The patterned structure of claim 2 wherein the porous structure is formed of two or more layers and each of the layers have one or more areas of porous material and one or more areas of [reduced porosity material formed therein and wherein the reduced porosity areas are] non-porous material.

Amend claim 12 as follows:

12) (Amended) The patterned structure of claim 2 wherein the porous structure is formed of two or more layers and less than all of the layers have one or more areas of porous material and one or more areas of [reduced porosity] non-porous material formed therein and in register with each other.

Amend claim 13 as follows:

13) (Amended) The patterned structure of claim 2 wherein the porous structure is formed of two or more layers and each of the layers have one or more areas of porous material and one or more areas of [reduced porosity] non-porous material formed therein and the areas of porous and [reduced porosity] non-porous material vary from layer to layer.

Amend claim 14 as follows:

14) (Amended) The patterned structure of claim 2 wherein the porous structure is formed of two or more layers and at least one of the one or more layers have one or more areas of porous material and one or more areas of [reduced porosity] non-porous material formed therein.

Amend claim 15 as follows:

15) (Amended) The patterned structure of claim 2 wherein the porous structure is formed of two or more layers, at least one of the layers has one or more areas of porous material and one or more areas of [reduced porosity] non-porous material formed therein and wherein the two or more layers are selected from the group consisting of porous membranes, porous support materials and blends thereof.

Amend claim 16 as follows:

16) (Amended) The patterned structure of claim 2 wherein the porous structure is formed of two or more layers, at least one of the layers has one or more areas of porous material and one or more areas of [reduced porosity] non-porous material formed therein and wherein at least one layer is a porous membrane and the remaining layer(s) are selected from the group consisting of porous membranes, porous support materials, [reduced porosity] or non-porous materials and blends thereof.

Amend claim 17 as follows:

17)(Amended) The patterned structure of claim 2 wherein the porous structure is formed of two or more layers and each of the layers having formed therein one area of porous material surrounded by one area of [reduced porosity]non-porous material along an outer periphery of the porous material.

Amend claim 18 as follows:

18) (Amended) The patterned structure of claim 2 wherein the porous structure is formed of two or more layers, each of the layers having formed therein one area of porous material surrounded by one area of [reduced porosity] non-porous material along an outer periphery of the porous material and the porous material being in a shape selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, rectangles, squares and polygons.

Amend claim 19 as follows:

19)(Amended) The patterned structure of claim 2 wherein the porous structure is formed of two or more layers of porous membranes and each of the layers having formed therein one area of porous material surrounded by one area of [reduced porosity] non-porous material along an outer periphery of the porous material [and wherein the reduced porosity material is non-porous].

Amend claim 20 as follows:

20)(Amended)The patterned structure of claim 2 wherein the porous structure is formed of two or more layers of porous structures, each of the layers having formed therein one area of porous material surrounded by one area of [reduced porosity] non-